NABARD Schemes in West Bengal

2940. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NABARD is thinking to launch different agricultural schemes in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when those schemes would be implemented and the amount allotted for those schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) Apart from providing financial assistance for existing agricultural development programmes in West Bengal, NABARD has no proposal to launch any separate agricultural scheme in the State.

Stagnation in Agricultural Production

2941. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural production is stagnating;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is likely to slow down achievement of Seventh Plan;

(d) if so, by what percentage; and

(e) whether there is any plan to counter this slow-down process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir. The long term growth rate in agricultural production has been showing a positive trend.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) In order to accelerate the growth in agricultural production, the target for the Seventh Plan for foodgrains production has been fixed at 175 million tonnes. For achieving this target, a Special Foodgrains Production Programme is being implemented from 1988-89 in 169 districts in 14 States. Action Plans have been finalised for rice, wheat, maize, arhar and gram in potential areas.

Amount sanctioned under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium towns

2942. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the amount sanctioned by the Central Government for each of the towns which have been included under the centrally sponsored scheme for Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): Central assistance released during 1988-89 (till 31-7-1988) for on-going projects is as under:—

	Name of Town	Rs. in lakhs
1	Hathras (U.P.)	18.00
2	Almora (U.P.)	17.00
3	Bijnor (U.P.)	16 00
4	Badaun (U.P.)	17 00
5	Kashipur (UP)	14 00
6	Barabanki (UP)	4.00
7	Fatehpur(UP)	5.12
8	Purulia (WB)	3.23
9	Siliguri (WB)	5.07